

**REMARKS**

**I. Extension of Time**

Applicant request a one month extension of time. A check in the amount of \$120.00 is enclosed for the extension of time.

**II. Status of the Claims**

Claims 1 and 10 have been amended.

Claims 2-9 and 11-14 are original.

**III. The Disclosure**

The specification discloses and the claims are directed to a convertible sofa bed for recreational vehicles having a storage compartment under the seat bottom. Access to the storage compartment is provided by raising the seat bottom. The seat bottom is supported by a ratcheting mechanism enabling the seat bottom to be raised to a storage access position, and raised again to unlock and then lowered to a seating position, this motion being accomplished without the use of a separate release for a dead bolt type lock.

**IV. Claims 1-8 Have Been Amended to Overcome the 35 U.S.C. §112 Rejections**

Claims 1-8 have been amended to overcome the 35 U.S.C. §112 Rejections. The preamble of claim 1 has been amended to clarify that claim 1 is an apparatus claim. The preambles of claims 2-8 have also been amended to clarify that they depend from an apparatus claim. With regard to the preamble and body of claims 9-14, it is applicant's position that they are written in proper apparatus claim format.

**VI. Summary and Conclusion**

For the reasons stated above, applicant requests allowance of all pending claims.

Please contact applicant's representative if there are other issues.

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No other fees are believed due at this time, however, please charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayments to deposit account 12-0913 with reference to our attorney docket number 923251-94868.

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Respectfully submitted:

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